

Christ Episcopal Church
824 Fairmont Ave

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Welcome to our Church

Join us
every Sunday
morning

at 10:30 a.m. for
The Holy Eucharist

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THE NEW CREATION

By Father John Kevern

"Visit then thy new creation" writes Charles Wesley, the famous brother of Methodist founder John Wesley, and a fellow Anglican priest.

We're attuned to the creation these days in light of the multiple threats to the environment. We not often then consider that "creation" for God is a two-pronged project. The "first creation" means this world as God has created it, and everything in it including you and me as we are in our "raw", unvarnished state. And, in Genesis, God famously pronounced it to be "good". Yet, good as it is in itself, human beings experience both alienation from God and others (bad relationships), and evil (i.e. sickness and death). Our attempts to overcome this on our own are misguided, and they further cause us to foul the natural creation by uncontrolled consumption.

So the first creation, good as it is, has become quite a mess, we could say. But the Bible envisages, early on, a "second creation" or "new creation", drawing on the parallel to the creation of the universe and the Garden of Eden. The new creation, in biblical language, is Jesus Himself, whom St. Paul terms "the new Adam". We can see the neat symmetry at work here: Adam the first man and the first creation; Jesus the new man and the second creation. Or rather.....the culmination of the "creation project" all along.

Think of that! From the beginning of creation (and before, there being no time within God), Jesus was the goal of.....the whole world order. This means that Jesus is not just our "personal saviour", but the Lord of all Creation and the goal-point of everything the natural order is tending towards. What a wonderful vision!

Despite multiple contradictions in the natural order, and the gloomy history of human sin, "nature" as a whole is striving upwards towards.....well, it has already arrived, actually and that is Easter morning, when God overturns everything that thwarts His creation and once again, "makes the whole creation new".

Visit then thy new creation, pure and spotless let us be." Again, this is Charles Wesley, who adds the corollary. WE are part of the new creation, even if it might appear that we are very "old", spiritually and psychologically speaking. Part of the Easter celebration of 50 days it to celebrate God's whole intent to "finish" with creating US.....i.e. to bring us to that loving perfection that has been His goal since the foundation of the world. That's a tall order! Not only does God do battle with darkness, error, sin, and death in raising Jesus from the dead, the whole intent is for this to apply to us. We are the soft clay that God has not yet finished molding. Our Easter faith, then, is to orient ourselves to this goal and to the loving God who has created us once, but has not abandoned us, and is creating us ever-anew until we see Him face to face.

May God grant you and yours the abundant joys of the celebration of this Easter Feast of the new creation

Holy Week Schedule

MAUNDY THURSDAY: Mass of the Lord's Supper and Procession to the Altar of Repose – 7:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY: Stations of the Cross and Liturgy of Good Friday 7:00 p.m.

EASTER DAY: SUNG EUCHARIST with full choir, 10:30 a.m.

Softball Signups

If anyone is interested in playing co-ed softball, 14 years old and up, please contact Glenn Boyles (dds1910@aol.com) or Luke Huggins (huggins@wwwc.edu).



SENIOR MEMBER OF THE
MONTH OF MARCH:

Jane Tyler
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You may remember Jane with telephone calls or with greeting cards. She just celebrated her 95th birthday on December 22nd. Jane lives alone but has many friends in Christ's congregation in Fairmont.

R. I. P.



Condolences to
Eddie Parker and Family
on the loss of his mother
Diane.

*May she rest in peace, and
rise in glory.*

LENT/EASTER CHOIR MUSIC

By Carolyn Kerr



On Easter Sunday, the choir will present "Raise Your Joys and Triumphs High" which is a "Hymn Concertato" on "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" arranged by Mary McDonald. This will be accompanied by a full orchestra on CD. "Alleluia, Praise the Risen King" by Lloyd Larson will be sung the Sunday after Easter.

All organ preludes and postludes that were played during Lent have been based on hymns and chorales written for the season. The Easter music will reflect the joy and celebration of the risen Christ.

The choir cordially invites you to come and worship with us during this special season of the church year.

Outreach **By Jim Kerr**

The Outreach Committee is partnering up with Father Kevern to offer a FISH FRY to the congregation. On Good Friday, before one of the most Holy Services of Worship, a Fish Fry Dinner in the Parish Hall will be provided to all. Everyone is invited to come by and eat fish, just as Jesus did with His disciples along the Sea Of Galilee. Enjoy the Fish and the Fellowship of others and then prepare to complete the evening in the church Sanctuary with worship. Together we will remember the sacrifice of The Lord and enjoy the comfort of modern day Disciples.

Worshippers are invited to bring a Love Offering for the benefit of Briana, our special Alto in the choir. As you have learned already, Briana has been honored to be chosen to go to Salzburg, Austria (the home of Mozart, the great musician) to continue her study and preparation for music. A Love Gift will help her with the expenses with the experience.



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Liturgical Assistants Calendar for 10:30am Holy Eucharist (Subject to change)

If you cannot be at church on one of your appointed days, please make arrangements for a replacement yourself. Greeters should be in place at 10:15 to greet and provide assistance to those needing help. Lectors can find their weekly readings at: <http://www.lectionarypage.net/>

Date	Greeters	Chalice	Lectors	Acolytes	Sacristans	Ushers	Counters
4/2 Maundy Thursday	Ken M. Jude M.	Bruce H. Dot H.	Bruce H. Dot H	Abby W.	Team 3 Red	Kent B. Glenn B.	Jude M. Toni B.
4/3 Good Friday	Glenn B. Laura B.	Neal H. Barb B.	Neal H. Barb B.	Abby W.	Team 3 Red	Glenn B. Gary J.	Glenn B. John B.
4/5 Easter	Scott B.	Kyle H. Lisa C.-B.	Kyle H. Joyce H.	Hunter B.	Team 2 White	Baker Family	Lisa C.-B. Warren H.
4/12 Easter 2	Martha H.	Bruce H. Dot H	Bruce H. Dot H	Abby W.	Team 3 White	Kent B. Glenn B.	Heather H. Chris M.
4/19 Easter 3	Mike L. Louise L.	Kyle H. Neal H.	Kyle H. Joyce H.	Abby W.	Team 4 White	Kent B. Glenn B.	Jim C. Jeff G.
4/26 Easter 4	Barb B.	Caroline C. Jim K.	Barb B. Carrington R.	Abby W.	Team 1 White	Kent B. Glenn B.	Toni B. Chris M.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Tygart Valley Cinema is showing two faith-based films, **“Do You Believe”**, from the writers of “God’s Not Dead” and **“A Matter of Faith”**.

COMING SOON:

April 24th - “Thrive!”, Flatwoods, WV.

April 25th - Rock and Worship Roadshow, Pittsburgh, PA.

April 25th - “Priscilla Shirer” live simulcast, 9am- 5:35pm at Baptist Temple.

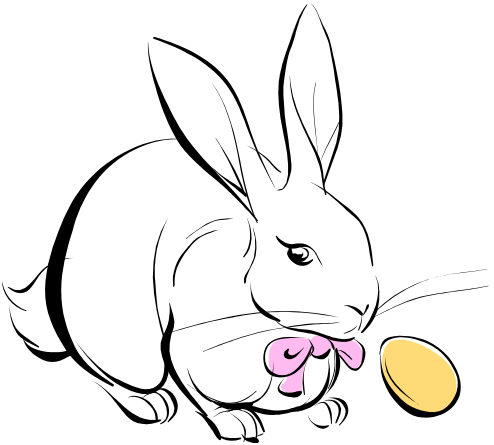


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